

IHS Injury Prevention Program



California Area Indian Health Service

Partnerships with Ford and AAA will Provide More Seats

The CAIHS Injury Prevention continues to work with other agencies to leverage our combined resources. Over 1500 booster seats were distributed through to California Indian health programs the Ford Motor company's "Boost America!"

program in 2001.

During 2002 we

plan to

distribute more booster seats to health programs through the Boost America Program. These efforts are very timely since the State of California recently implemented a law which requires that all children that are either less than six years of age or under 60 lbs. be transported in a child passenger protection device.



We have also been working with the California State Automobile Association (AAA) to provide more safety seats that can be distributed by



California Indian health programs. AAA provides safety seats to organizations that assist low income families.

Both Boost America and AAA require that seats from their program be distributed by AAA certified National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Please contact the IHS with any questions concerning these distribution programs.

(See Last Page for more Booster Seat Info)

National Tribal Steering Committee

A National Tribal Steering Committee has been formed to voice tribal concerns and interests in injury prevention issues. IHS sponsors representation to the national strategic planning meetings for the Injury Prevention Program. The interests and special situations of the many California Tribes are voiced at these sessions. Only through continued exposure of the Indian injury prevention programs in California will the funding for our Area increase.



Norma McAdams was selected by the steering committee to represent California Tribes.

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Capacity Building

Health Programs add more NHTSA Certified Technicians

In October 2001, the California Area Injury Prevention program and Boost America sponsored a NHTSA Child Passenger Protection course for technician certification. The course was taught in Roseville by Buckle Up Baby. 13 Indian Health program providers were certified. Technician certification is becoming more important as funding agencies like Boost America and AAA will only supply seats to programs with certified technicians on staff.



The October 2001 Class was Kept Very Busy with a lot of Hands-on Training with Actual Equipment



Participants Found the Course to be Very Informative

CRIHB and IHS Plan to Team up for Statewide Indian Conference

The California Rural Indian Health Board sponsored a very successful Injury Prevention conference in August 2001. The conference was named the "1st Annual Pathways to Prevention conference." CRIHB and IHS are now working together to plan a statewide conference that will be held in Sacramento this coming Fall. CRIHB was able to attract a variety of interesting speakers. Pictured below is Maggie Steele a very captivating American Indian speaker. Ms. Steele presented several theories on how violence can be better managed in American Indian communities.



IHS California Program Reviewed

The California Area Injury Prevention Program was reviewed by consultants from the University of North Carolina during April 2001. Site visits were conducted to the Hoopa, CRIHB, Chapa De, and Sacramento Urban Programs. The resulting recommendations from the review will be used to improve and expand the program.

Training

CRIHB Coordinator Chosen for IHS Fellowship

The CRIHB injury prevention program coordinator, Myla Jensen, will be participating in the IHS Fellowship program this year. Myla's project will analyze apparent discrepancies between reported injury rates for selected Counties. This study will be valuable in identifying and bringing injury data collection system problems in California into focus. County and State systems will be probed to find solutions to provide health programs with a clearer picture of injury problems.



Grant Writing Assistance Available

Sources of funding for California Indian Health Programs become more varied every year. For example, this year the San Diego American Indian Health Center received funding through the Kid's Plates program for Child Passenger seats. The Big Sandy and Pinoleville head start programs got funding for smoke detector programs through the Sleep Safe Program. The Sonoma County Indian Health program received a car seat mini-grant from their local county health department. In April 2001, the IHS sponsored a grant writing workshop to assist health programs with meeting injury prevention needs. The workshop was structured so that the participants could develop and submit proposals to funding agencies that presented at the workshop. We gathered a lot of information from the presenters at this workshop that can be used by health programs to apply for funding. The agencies presenting included:

- The California Endowment
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- California Automobile Association
- The California Office of Traffic Safety
- The California Department of Health Services

IHS Injury Prevention Courses

Introduction to Injury Prevention

This is an introductory course for injury prevention practitioners. Through a combination of lectures, group activities, and case studies, participants are introduced to: 1) the concept of injuries as a public health problem, and 2) the theoretical and practical aspects of planning, implementing, and evaluating injury prevention in small communities.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

This is an advanced course for injury prevention practitioners. Through a combination of lectures, field trips, computer lab sessions, and group exercises, participants learn to: 1) design a basic injury surveillance tool they can use in their community, 2) manage injury data through the use of the Epi Info computer program, and 3) present a preliminary analysis of their surveillance data with recommended interventions.

Translating Information into Action

This advanced course provides the tools to facilitate community action necessary to reduce injury morbidity and mortality. Upon completion of the course, each student will possess a plan for initiating an intervention to deal with specified injury problems in their community.

Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship

This one-year, in depth, station-based program requires approximately six weeks of off-site course work. Courses include Issues in Injury Control, Epidemiology of Injuries, Implementation of Injury Surveillance Systems and Development of Intervention Strategies, and Presentation and Publication of Technical and Scientific Material. Each fellowship student is also required to complete and present a special research study project.

Sleep Safe Program

"Every Indian Child Goes to Sleep in a Home Protected with a Smoke Detector"

The American Indian Head Start Programs Branch, Indian Health Service and the United States Fire Administration are collaborating on a joint effort to implement a special initiative to reduce deaths and injuries from fires entitled Sleep Safe.

The Sleep Safe project goal is to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries in American Indian and Alaska Native children ages 0-5 years to half the National average by the year 2010.

Selected Head Start programs receive:

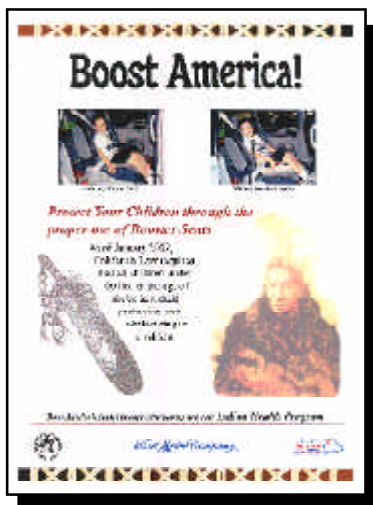
- ◆ a fire safety curriculum module
- ◆ smoke detectors for each child's home
- ◆ project implementation training



During 2001, the Pinoleville and Big Sandy head starts in California were funded by Sleep Safe after being selected through a competitive basis.

Booster Seat Initiative Continues

With the new State booster seat law now in effect the IHS is continuing needs. Additional seats are expected to be distributed from Boost America this Spring to programs with Certified NHTSA technicians.



poster pictured at the left to California Indian health programs. A Boost

actor Will Smith to help educate children and parents was also sent out

CAO has an example proposal that can be used by health programs to apply

protection devices. This boiler plate was used by many of the health

Ford. Please contact Robert Newsad for more information.



Seats was sent out to Health Programs in November 2001